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Identical letters dated 15 February 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I write in regard to the terror campaign that Iran and its proxy, Hezbollah, have launched against Israeli targets around the world in recent weeks, spanning from Thailand to India, from Bulgaria to Georgia to Azerbaijan. This campaign bears the unmistakable fingerprints of the Iranian regime and the highest echelons of Hezbollah leadership. Their actions constitute a clear threat to the security and stability of Lebanon, to the Middle East and the many countries that have been targeted.

In each of these instances, Iran and Hezbollah have sought to harm innocent civilians and have flagrantly violated the sovereignty of Member States. In New Delhi, a bomb was attached to an Israeli diplomat's car last Monday, just seconds after she had dropped off her two young children. The explosion of this device injured her and several innocent bystanders. On the same day, another explosive device was discovered in Tbilisi under the car of Israeli Embassy personnel. Last Tuesday, Iranians in Bangkok were apprehended carrying explosive devices similar to those used in New Delhi and Tbilisi.

These are not isolated incidents. Iran has long employed international terrorism as a pillar of its foreign policy, often using Hezbollah as a proxy to stage attacks. Let me stress that Iran orchestrates these attacks, directing Hezbollah through the Iranian Islamic Revolutionary Guards, specifically the Al-Quds Brigades. Numerous Member States and regional organizations have recognized Iran and Hezbollah as partners in terrorism.

Another Hezbollah terrorist plot in Bangkok was uncovered last month in which two of Hezbollah's Lebanese operatives entered Thailand using passports from other countries. When they were discovered, this Hezbollah cell was already in the advanced stages of planning multiple attacks against Israeli targets, including sites frequented by tourists. The Hezbollah operative Hussein Atris confessed to this plot and led the Thai authorities to an enormous cache of explosive material. Tragedy was averted only because of the Thai authorities' quick and effective response.

In 2011, several plots to execute acts of terrorism against Jewish and Israeli targets in Azerbaijan and Turkey were brought to light. Numerous other Hezbollah plots against Israeli and Jewish targets were exposed in 2008 and 2009, including in Egypt, Turkey and Azerbaijan, where an attack on the Embassy of Israel was planned.

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The international community has repeatedly condemned Iran for its flagrant disregard of its obligations to protect diplomatic personnel. Last November, the Secretary-General expressed his "shock and outrage" when the British Embassy in Tehran was vandalized by a mob. General Assembly resolution 66/12 strongly condemned terrorism and acts of violence against consular and diplomatic missions and representatives, calling on Iran to comply with all of its obligations under international law.

Lebanese soil remains fertile ground from which Hezbollah plans, directs and executes its attacks. The Government of Lebanon has a clear responsibility to swiftly disarm Hezbollah, and stem the flow of arms from Iran and Syria into Lebanon, as numerous Security Council resolutions require.

March 2012 marks the twentieth commemoration of the bombing of the Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires, where Iran and Hezbollah killed 29 innocent people and injured 242 others. Two decades later, these two agents of terrorism remain driven by an extremist ideology and a desire to advance chaos and instability. They continue to present a clear and imminent danger to innocent people in all corners of the globe — as we witnessed this week in New Delhi, Bangkok and Tbilisi.

The Security Council should have condemned these attacks immediately. Israel expects it to issue a clear condemnation today, without any further delay or equivocation. The Council must also address this threat by considering active steps against Iran, Hezbollah and their terrorist infrastructure worldwide.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

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